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OF CHIEF OF MISSION, CHANCERY OR CHANCERY ANNEX. SINCE ARTICLE 1 OF VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS DEFINES "PREMISES OF MISSION" AS BEING BUILDINGS OR PARTS

OF BUILDINGS AND THE LAND ANCILLARY THERETO, IRRESPECTIVE OF OWNERSHIP, USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE MISSION INCLUDING THE RESIDENCE OF THE HEAD OF MISSION, EXEMPTION SIMILAR IN SCOPE IS PROVIDED BY ARTICLE 23 OF THE CONVENTION.

3. UNDER EXISTING U.S. LAW, TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROPERTY NOT POSSIBLE SOLELY ON BASIS OF RECIPROCITY, UNLESS REQUIRED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW (E.G. MULTILATERAL OR BILATERAL TREATIES). KISSINGER

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